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## **AGING NETWORK NEWS/RESOURCES**

### **The President Signs the OAA into Law**

The re-authorized Older Americans Act (HR 6197), was signed into law by the President at 10:42 a.m. on Tuesday, October 17. According to the Administration on Aging (AoA), Its provisions include:

- Enhanced federal, state and local coordination of long-term care (LTC) services provided in home and community-based settings.
- Support for state and community planning to address the LTC needs of the baby boom generation.
- Greater focus on prevention and treatment of mental disorders.
- Outreach and service to a broader universe of family caregivers under the National Family Caregiver Support Program.
- Increased focus on civic engagement and volunteerism.
- Enhanced coordination of programs that protect elders from abuse, neglect and exploitation.

### **AARP Offers Voters' Guide on Michigan Governor Candidates**

In the most recent (November & December, 2006) issue of The AARP Magazine, the "World's Largest Circulation Magazine," and its website ([www.aarp.org/elections](http://www.aarp.org/elections)), AARP presents its nonpartisan "2006 AARP Voters' Guide (for) Michigan Governor."

Starting on page 105, it gives AARP's position, and the positions of "Dick DeVos (R)" and "Jennifer Granholm (D)" on four issues of importance to senior adults: Electric Rates, Continue Funding Crucial State Programs, Reforming Long-Term Care, and Prescription Drug Affordability.

Here's how the Voter's Guide works. AARP asked key questions about issues important to its members and their families of each major candidate for Michigan

Governor. Each candidate was afforded up to 125 words to answer each question. AARP did not edit or modify those answers. The candidates were asked to check the support or oppose circles. The candidates may have chosen not to check a circle. In addition, AARP provided a summary of its position for each of the issues.

**Issue One:** Do you support or oppose changing state law that would prevent the billing of consumers for electric generating plant construction costs before the plant provides service?

Charge consumers for construction cost before electric plants provide service.

<b>AARP's Position</b>	=	Opposes
<b>Dick DeVos (R)</b>	=	Opposes
<b>Jennifer Granholm (D)</b>	=	Opposes

Shift risk of electric generating plant cost overruns to customers.

<b>AARP's Position</b>	=	Opposes
<b>Dick DeVos (R)</b>	=	Opposes
<b>Jennifer Granholm (D)</b>	=	Opposes

**Issue Two:** Will you support or oppose legislation that would replace the Single Business Tax (SBT) with a tax that does not place a new burden on residents, provides the same general revenue, but that requires business to pay their fair share of supporting state programs?

Replacement tax for the SBT that provides dollar for dollar revenue to the general fund.

<b>AARP's Position</b>	=	Supports
<b>Dick DeVos (R)</b>	=	Opposes
<b>Jennifer Granholm (D)</b>	=	Supports

Small businesses to pay all of any tax replacing the Single Business Tax.

<b>AARP's Position</b>	=	Supports
<b>Dick DeVos (R)</b>	=	Opposes
<b>Jennifer Granholm (D)</b>	=	Opposes

**Issue Three:** Will you support or oppose legislation that creates a "one-stop" shopping system for long-term care (LTC) supports, services and payment options? Will you support or oppose allowing consumers to choose where they will receive state-funded long-term care services and to select the service provider?

A single agency for "one-stop shopping" of LTC services.

<b>AARP's Position</b>	=	Supports
<b>Dick DeVos (R)</b>	=	No Position
<b>Jennifer Granholm (D)</b>	=	Supports

Allowing consumers to choose where they will receive state funded LTC services and select the service provider.

<b>AARP's Position</b>	=	Supports
<b>Dick DeVos (R)</b>	=	Supports
<b>Jennifer Granholm (D)</b>	=	Supports

**Issue Four:** Will you support or oppose legislation that requires pharmacies to post the prices of the 150 most-prescribed drugs and their generic equivalents? Will you support

or oppose legislation requiring pharmaceutical manufacturers to report what they spend on marketing to physicians?

Require pharmacies to post the prices of 150 most prescribed drugs and the generic equivalents.

<b>AARP's Position</b>	=	Supports
<b>Dick DeVos (R)</b>	=	Opposes
<b>Jennifer Granholm (D)</b>	=	Supports

Require pharmaceutical manufacturers to reveal marketing expenses to physicians.

<b>AARP's Position</b>	=	Supports
<b>Dick DeVos (R)</b>	=	Opposes
<b>Jennifer Granholm (D)</b>	=	Supports

AARP encourages citizens of all ages to “Get the facts, use power, and be sure to vote on November 7.” For more information, go to [www.aarp.org/elections](http://www.aarp.org/elections) or call [517/517/482-2772](tel:5175174822772).

### **Governor Candidates Compare Views about LTC and MI Choice**

The Michigan Campaign for Quality Care, a nonpartisan group advocating for better care, quality and choices for long-term care (LTC) consumers, has released the results of a candidate questionnaire on LTC issues that was given to Gov. Jennifer Granholm and challenger Dick DeVos. The following are the answers to one question on the questionnaire:

**Question:** “Study after study demonstrates that consumers prefer to receive long-term care in their homes and communities, rather than in nursing homes, and that states that invest in home and community-based care provide more cost-effective LTC. Around the state, approximately 3,000 people are on the waiting lists for the MI Choice Home and Community Based Waiver program that provides services to people in their own homes instead of in nursing homes. What will you do to expand access to MI Choice, and to give people real choice in deciding where they receive LTC services?”

**Mr. DeVos:** “I intend to explore options to improve services and supports that benefit both consumers and their families. For example, one option I would like to consider is the creation of incentives and support for families to care for their loved ones at home. Support at all phases of the long-term care (LTC) continuum, from home health care services to nursing home care, is essential in order to serve the varied needs of Michigan’s residents. Although I have not extensively researched the MI Choice Home and Community Based Waiver program, it appears to be a program that shows results for our residents, providing them with more choices to fit their individual needs. As Governor, I look forward to learning more about the program, and how it can better serve our Michigan residents while always striving for quality care. I also support the current Nursing Facility Transition Initiative through the Michigan Department of Community Health. If a person is inappropriately placed, or no longer needs nursing home services, I believe our goal should be a system where individuals have the ability to leave and move to a more appropriate setting.”

**Gov. Granholm:** “The MI Choice is an outstanding program that has played an important role in improving the quality of life of many seniors and persons with disabilities. I have, and will continue to support efforts to expand access to MI Choice,

and to give people a chance in deciding where they receive long-term care (LTC) services. I directed the Department of Community Health in the past to re-open the program when the state received approval from the federal government. I also called for re-opening the MI Choice program in my budget recommendation in fiscal year 2004. I will continue to see opportunities that will enable the state to offer these services to more people who are looking for choices when it comes to LTC. In addition, I announced the establishment of four Single Points of Entry (SPE) demonstration programs earlier this year for the delivery of LTC supports and services. SPEs will ensure that Michigan citizens in need of LTC supports and services will have a range of options. SPEs will offer one place to call for a coordinated and independent source of information on a whole spectrum of LTC services. The goal is to provide timely, unbiased information so people can make the best choice for themselves in LTC.”

To read the results of the entire candidate questionnaire on LTC issues, go to [www.campaignforqualitycare.org](http://www.campaignforqualitycare.org).

### **OSA Promotes Physical Activity for Seniors**

OSA is working in partnership with the National Council on the Aging (NCoA) to promote physical activity for senior adults through a free website service called Active Options for Aging Americans.

NCoA has designed the website to provide information about available physical activity programs to senior adults and aging network service providers. They can access the website at no cost to learn about physical activity programs in their areas of the state.

Participating service providers are asked to take a brief survey to describe their physical activity programs. The purpose of the survey is to collect information to use in creating a searchable online database and printable resource guide of physical activity programs that will be made available to senior adults and service providers.

Currently, the Active Options for Aging Americans program is being implemented by the Valley Area Agency on Aging (AAA-5) for Genesee, Lapeer and Shiawassee Counties, and the Area Agency on Aging for Western Michigan (AAA-8) for Allegan, Ionia, Kent, Lake, Mason, Mecosta, Montcalm, Newaygo and Oscoda Counties.

To find out more about available physical activity programs in your community, go to the NCoA website ([www.activeoptions.org](http://www.activeoptions.org)) and click on “Search for Programs.” Enter search criteria, including zip code, and it will direct you to programs that match your search criteria.

For more information, call Sherri King at OSA (517/373-4064) or e-mail her at [kings1@michigan.gov](mailto:kings1@michigan.gov).

### **Reminder: Open Enrollment for Medicare Prescriptions Starts November 15**

The next open enrollment period for the Medicare prescription program is scheduled for November 15 through December 31.

For those senior adults who receive Medicaid benefits, they can change their plans at any time without penalty. For those turning age 65, they have seven months to choose a Medicare Part D Plan (three months before their birthday, the month of their birthday,

and three months after their birthday).

For more information or help with the selection of an enrollment process, call the Michigan Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAAP) at 800/803-7174.

### **Final WHCoA Report Now Available Online**

The 2005 White House Conference on Aging (WHCoA) was held December 11-14 in Washington, DC. It was the fifth WHCoA in history.

Like its predecessors, the 2005 WHCoA was held to make recommendations to the President and the US Congress to help guide national aging policies for the next 10 years and beyond. It focused on aging today and tomorrow, and it took into account the impact of the 78 million baby boomers.

Printed copies of the 2005 WHCoA Final Report are extremely limited, but the 2005 WHCoA Final Report is now available online for downloading. Go to [www.whcoa.gov](http://www.whcoa.gov) to download the entire report or selected sections as preferred.

### **Church Sponsors Senior Adult Ministries Conference**

The West Michigan and Detroit Conferences of the United Methodist Church (UMC) will sponsor "The Graying of the Church Conference" **October 28** at the First UMC in **St. Johns**. It is open to all religious denominations.

This conference will provide an opportunity for senior adults and others to network and share ideas about how to provide effective ministries to, by and for senior adults. The keynote speaker will be **Richard Gentzler**, Director of The Center on Aging and Older Adult Ministries of the national UMC. nb

For more information, call 616/954-1736 or e-mail to [pastorgordon@charter.net](mailto:pastorgordon@charter.net).

### **AARP Provides Resources for the Human Brain**

AARP has developed a "Staying Sharp" program initiative that focuses on the human brain and how to maximize brain fitness during the second half of life. The initiative includes a "Staying Sharp" website that has been recognized by the American Society on Aging (ASA) with a 2006 Mind Alert Award.

This is a joint project with the Dana Alliance for Brain Initiatives and the National Retired Teachers Association (NRTA) that focuses on how the brain works, and how we can maximize brain function and brain health, in particular as we grow older.

The website site at [www.aarp.org/health/brain/program/](http://www.aarp.org/health/brain/program/) shows how the human brain remembers and learns, and how it affects health and wellbeing throughout life. It also talks about brain diseases and how aging affects the brain, as well as what can be done to take control of brain health and keep memory sharp.

AARP also has published four booklets on the subject: Memory Loss and Aging, Depression, Chronic Health Issues and Learning Throughout Life. They are available at no cost on the website. The website also lists books and organizations.

## Internet Fundraising Gains in Popularity

The results of a recent index survey, called the Philanthropic Giving Index (PGI) that is compiled by the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University, found that 33 percent of those surveyed reported success with Internet solicitations for charitable dollars.

Fundraisers indicate that Internet giving has increased steadily since December, 2004. The Internet, however, remains among the least successful fundraising techniques, behind planned giving, major gift solicitation, and other types of giving.

For more information, go to [www.philanthropy.iupui.edu/news/2006/pr-pgi\\_summer\\_2006.aspx](http://www.philanthropy.iupui.edu/news/2006/pr-pgi_summer_2006.aspx).

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## OSA EVENTS/MEETINGS

### OSA/Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Directors

The next meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. **November 14** in Conference Room 3B, on the third floor above OSA, 7109 West Saginaw Highway in **Lansing**. For more information, call **Jan Bowlin** at OSA (517/241-3864) or e-mail to [bowlinj1@michigan.gov](mailto:bowlinj1@michigan.gov), or call **Mary Ablan** at the Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan (517/886-1227) or e-mail her at [ablan@iserv.net](mailto:ablan@iserv.net).

### Commission on Services to the Aging (CSA)

The next meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. **November 17** at the Holiday Inn Lansing West Conference Center, 7501 W. Saginaw Highway in **Lansing**. For more information, call **Cindy Albrecht** at OSA (517/335-4016) or e-mail to [albrechtc@michigan.gov](mailto:albrechtc@michigan.gov).

### State Advisory Council on Aging (SAC)

The next meeting will be held 9:30 a.m. **December 7** at the Holiday Inn Lansing West Conference Center, 7501 W. Saginaw Highway in **Lansing**. For more information, call **Sally Steiner** at OSA (517/373-8810) or e-mail to [steiners@michigan.gov](mailto:steiners@michigan.gov).

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## EVENTS/MEETINGS ADDED SINCE THE LAST ISSUE

**Health Care Premiums Squeezing Your Budget?**, a free workshop sponsored by the Michigan Nonprofit Association (MNA) **October 25** at the MNA office in **Lansing** to find out how nonprofit organizations can lower their health insurance premiums. For more information, go to [www.mnaonline.org](http://www.mnaonline.org) or call 517/492-2400.

**Fall Conference**, sponsored by the Michigan Guardianship Association **October 27** at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center in **Lansing**, with a Registered Guardian Review Course and Exam **October 26**. For more information, go to [www.michiganguardianship.org](http://www.michiganguardianship.org) or call 269/349-9787 or 810/767-4014.



**The Graying of the Church Conference**, sponsored by the West Michigan and Detroit Conferences of the United Methodist Church (UMC) **October 28** at the First UMC in **St. Johns**. For more information, call 616/954-1736 or e-mail to [pastorgordon@charter.net](mailto:pastorgordon@charter.net). See also the AGING NETWORK NEWS/ACTIVITIES section of this issue (above).

**21<sup>st</sup> Annual Dinner and Auction**, sponsored by the Tri-County Office on Aging (AAA-6) and the General Motors Lansing Operations **November 1** at the Eagle Eye Banquet Center in **East Lansing** with all proceeds to benefit Meals-on-Wheels and other in-home services. Raffle tickets also available. For more information, 517/887-1377.

**Leadership Development Seminar**, sponsored by the Center for Creative Leadership and the Michigan Disability Rights Coalition **November 3** at the Hannah Community Center in **East Lansing** for organizers promoting disability leadership. For more information, call toll-free 800/760-4600 or e-mail to [leadership@prosynergy.org](mailto:leadership@prosynergy.org).

**Advances in Alzheimer's Research**, a program sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association Great Lakes Chapter, and presented by physicians working in the dementia field, concerning the latest news from the research front, and progress scientists are making toward finding better treatments and, eventually, a cure for Alzheimer's:

**November 7** at Foote Hospital in **Jackson**  
**November 9** at the Hannah Community Center in **Lansing**  
**November 14** at Muskegon Community College in **Muskegon**  
**November 16** at Washtenaw Community in **Ann Arbor**  
**November 20** at the Portage Senior Center in **Portage**

For more information, go to [www.alzmigreatlakes.org](http://www.alzmigreatlakes.org) or call 800/272-3900.

**Holiday Craft Bazaar & Bake Sale**, sponsored by the Manistique Senior Citizen Center **November 18** at the center in **Manistique**. All crafts and baked goods must be handmade. For more information, call 906/341-5923.

**The Fabulous Turner Vintage Jewelry Sale**, sponsored by the Turner Resource Center **November 19** at the Resource Center in **Ann Arbor**. All proceeds from the bags of necklaces, earrings, tie pins, bracelets, cuff links, etc. will go to support Turner's social work programs and services for senior adults in the community. For more information, call 734/764-2556.

**AARC 2006 Annual Training Conference**, entitled "One Alabama: The Road to the Future" and sponsored by the Alabama Association of Regional Councils in conjunction with the Alabama Department of Senior Services **November 28-December 1** at the Perdido Beach Resort in **Orange Beach, AL**. For more information, go to [www.alarc.org](http://www.alarc.org) or call 334/277-2221.

**2002 Second Annual Rural Health Conference**, sponsored by the California State Rural Health Association **December 4-6** at the Sheraton Grand in **Sacramento, CA**. For more information, call 916/930-9330 or e-mail to [conference@csrha.org](mailto:conference@csrha.org).

**Choices for Independence: A National Leadership Summit**, sponsored by the Administration on Aging (AoA) **December 5-6** at the Renaissance Hotel in **Washington, DC**. For more information, call toll-free 877/657-4254 or e-mail to



cblue@betah.com.

**Being Ageless: Living Well at Any Age**, sponsored by the Omega Institute **January 12-14, 2007** at the Harbor Beach Marriott Resort & Spa in **Fort Lauderdale, FL** on how to live well, live long, and live with meaning and purpose. For more information, go to [www.eomega.org](http://www.eomega.org) or call toll-free 800/944-1001.

**2007 Annual Housing Policy Conference and Lobby Day**, sponsored by the National Low Income Housing Coalition **February 26-27, 2007** at the Capital Hilton in **Washington, DC**. For more information, go to [www.nlihc.org](http://www.nlihc.org) or call 202/662-1530.

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## MICHIGAN CONFERENCES

**2006 MASC Annual Conference: Together Everyone Achieves More (TEAM)**, sponsored by the Michigan Association of Senior Centers (MASC) **October 25-27** at the Radisson Hotel in **Lansing**. For more information, call 269/966-2566 or e-mail to [adavis@burnhambrook.com](mailto:adavis@burnhambrook.com).

**Call for Submissions: 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Art of Aging Successfully Conference**, entitled "Vitality and Inspiration" and sponsored by the Wayne State University (WSU) Institute of Gerontology (IOG) **March 29, 2007** at WSU in **Detroit**. The deadline for submitting creative works (such as art, writing, ceramics, needlework, photography, woodworking, singing, dance, etc.) by nonprofessional artists age 55 and older is **November 1**. For more information and/or submission guidelines, go to [www.iog.wayne.edu](http://www.iog.wayne.edu) or call 313/577-2297.

**Second Annual Aging in Place Conference**, sponsored by the Housing Bureau for Seniors and the University of Michigan (U-M) Health System **November 6-10** to provide information needed to make informed decisions about housing and personal care for independent living. Conference workshops will be held on various topics (estate planning, finances, building or remodeling homes, driving, reverse mortgages, scams, clutter, cooking, long-term care insurance and homeshare) at the following locations:

**November 6** at the Turner Senior Resource Center in **Ann Arbor**

**November 7** at the Home Builders Association of Washtenaw County in **Ann Arbor**

**November 8** at the Saline Senior Center in **Saline**

**November 9** at the Milan Senior Center in **Milan**

**November 10** at the Silver Maples of Chelsea in **Chelsea**

**November 10** at Chelsea Retirement Communities in **Chelsea**

**November 10** at the Turner Senior Resource Center in **Ann Arbor**

For more information or to register, call 734/998-9336

**Designing Healthy Livable Communities: A Study in Best Practices**, a conference sponsored by the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) and the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports **November 13** at the Michigan State University (MSU) Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center in **East Lansing** to talk about best practices that help people make healthy choices, and choose a healthy lifestyle that eliminate barriers to physical activity and healthy eating. For more information, call 517/335-8418 or e-mail to [palmer@michigan.gov](mailto:palmer@michigan.gov).

**2006 Case Management: Creating Practice Excellence**, the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

for Health Care Professionals Engaged in Case Management sponsored by Michigan State University (MSU) Nursing and the MSU School of Social Work **November 16** at the MSU Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center in **East Lansing** (with an optional pre-conference workshop **November 15** entitled **Self-Deception: Learning to Open Our Eyes to See Others**). For more information or to register, go to [www.nursing.msu.edu/contedconference.asp](http://www.nursing.msu.edu/contedconference.asp) or call 517/355-3393 or toll-free 800/605-6424, Option 6.

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## MICHIGAN NONPROFIT SEMINARS/TRAINING EVENTS

**Successful Aging**, a free 2006 Fall Colloquium and Professional Development seminar sponsored by the Wayne State University (WSU) Institute of Gerontology (IOG) **October 24** at the Freer House, adjacent to the IOG in **Detroit**. For more information, go to [www.ioq.wayne.edu](http://www.ioq.wayne.edu) or call 313/577-2297.

**Seniors Staying Sharp: Aiming at Optimumhood**, a series sponsored by the Clinton Township Senior Center **October 25** at the senior center in **Clinton Township** to discuss normal aging, blues and blahs, and things that may be dulling the mind. For more information, call 586/286-9333.

**Life Review and Reminiscence: The Power of Our Life Stories**, a seminar sponsored by the Lansing Community College Health and Human Services Department **October 27** at the college in **Lansing**. For more information, call 517/483-1529 or e-mail to [beham@lcc.edu](mailto:beham@lcc.edu).

**Bond Fundamentals: The Benefits of Fixed Income Investing**, a workshop sponsored by the Antrim County Commission on Aging (CoA) **October 27** at the Mancelona Senior Center in **Mancelona**. For more information, call 231/533-8703.

**Use it or Lose it: How to Keep Your Brain Fit as it Ages**, sponsored by the Cass County Council on Aging (CoA) **October 31** at the Lincoln Center in **Dowagiac**. For more information, call 269/445-8110.

**Professional Development: Plan and Deliver a Presentation**, a free 2006 Fall Colloquium and Professional Development seminar sponsored by the Wayne State University (WSU) Institute of Gerontology (IOG) **October 31** at the Freer House, adjacent to the IOG in **Detroit**. For more information, go to [www.ioq.wayne.edu](http://www.ioq.wayne.edu) or call 313/577-2297.

**Training the Program Assistant in Adult Day Services**, conducted by the Michigan Adult Day Services Association (MADSA) **November 1** (with a Competency Evaluation on **December 8**) at the D&P Brown Jewish Community Adult Day Care Program in **West Bloomfield**. For more information, call 616/530-7466 or toll-free 877/362-2322, or e-mail to [madsa@earthlink.net](mailto:madsa@earthlink.net).

**Healthy Holidays! Senior Nutrition and Osteoporosis**, a free "Opening New Doors Community Education Program" sponsored by the Macomb County Senior Citizen Services Adult Day Services Program **November 2** at the Southeast Health Center in **St. Clair Shores**. For more information, call 586/466-6817 or e-mail to [kaw.kozlinski@macombcountymi.gov](mailto:kaw.kozlinski@macombcountymi.gov).

**Circadian Rhythm – Time of Day Influence on Memory and Aging**, a free 2006 Fall Colloquium and Professional Development seminar sponsored by the Wayne State University (WSU) Institute of Gerontology (IOG) **November 6** at the Freer House, adjacent to the IOG in **Detroit**. For more information, go to [www.iog.wayne.edu](http://www.iog.wayne.edu) or call 313/577-2297.

**Contract Management Principles and Practices**, a professional development program for government and business sponsored by ESI International and The George Washington University **November 6-8** in **Detroit**. For more information, go to [www.esi-intl.com](http://www.esi-intl.com) or call toll-free 888/374-8884.

**Driver Safety Program**, sponsored by AARP **November 6** and **November 8** at the Clinton Township Senior Center in **Clinton Township**. For more information, call 586/286-9333.

**Principles and Techniques of Fundraising: Learn to Build Your Nonprofit Organization's Resources with Confidence and Success**, a training sponsored by the Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership and conducted by The Fund Raising School at Indiana University (IU) **November 13-17** at the Dominican Center at Marywood in **Grand Rapids**. For more information or to register, go to [www.johnsoncenter.org](http://www.johnsoncenter.org) or call 616/331-7232.

**Understanding and Dealing with Depression**, a free workshop sponsored by the Macomb County Department of Senior Citizen Services **November 14** in the Macomb County Senior Auditorium at the Department of Senior Citizen Services in **Clinton Township** to provide education, discussion and support. For more information, call 586/469-6708.

**Estate Planning Seminar**, a public event sponsored by Senior Services, Inc. especially for caregivers **November 16** at the Coover Center in **Kalamazoo**. For more information, go to [www.seniorservices1.org](http://www.seniorservices1.org) or call 269/382-0515.

**AARP Driver Safety Program**, a refresher course for drivers age 50 and older sponsored by the Antrim County Commission on Aging (CoA) **November 16-17** at the CoA in **Bellaire**. For more information, call 231/533-8703.

**Outcome – Based Treatment: Methods and Models for Working with Older Adults with Mental Health Issues**, a seminar sponsored by the Michigan State University (MSU) School of Social Work **November 18** at the MSU East Fee Hall in **East Lansing**. For more information, go to [www.socialwork.msu.edu/ceu](http://www.socialwork.msu.edu/ceu) or call 517/353-8620.

**Self-Efficacy and Everyday Problem Solving Across the Lifespan**, a free 2006 Fall Colloquium and Professional Development seminar sponsored by the Wayne State University (WSU) Institute of Gerontology (IOG) **November 21** at the Freer House, adjacent to the IOG in **Detroit**. For more information, go to [www.iog.wayne.edu](http://www.iog.wayne.edu) or call 313/577-2297.

**Professional Development: Interdisciplinary Research Collaboration**, a free 2006 Fall Colloquium and Professional Development seminar sponsored by the Wayne State University (WSU) Institute of Gerontology (IOG) **November 28** at the Freer House, adjacent to the IOG in **Detroit**. For more information, go to [www.iog.wayne.edu](http://www.iog.wayne.edu) or call

313/577-2297.

**Ethics in Clinical Practice, and Pain & Pain Management**, a workshop provided through APOGEE: A Joint venture of Touchstone innovare' and Gerontology Network **December 1** at the DeVos Center for Scouting in **Grand Rapids**. For more information, call toll-free 800/730-6135 or e-mail to [mwaskiewicz@gerontologynetwork.org](mailto:mwaskiewicz@gerontologynetwork.org).

**Aging and Vision Impairment – Independence and Life Satisfaction**, a free 2006 Fall Colloquium and Professional Development seminar sponsored by the Wayne State University (WSU) Institute of Gerontology (IOG) **December 5** at the Freer House, adjacent to the IOG in **Detroit**. For more information, go to [www.iog.wayne.edu](http://www.iog.wayne.edu) or call 313/577-2297.

**Caregiver Tips for Surviving the Holidays**, a free “Opening New Doors Community Education Program” sponsored by the Macomb County Senior Citizen Services Adult Day Services Program **December 7** at the Southeast Health Center in **St. Clair Shores**. For more information, call 586/466-6817 or e-mail to [kaw.kozlinski@macombcountymi.gov](mailto:kaw.kozlinski@macombcountymi.gov).

**Aging and MS – Falls and MS and Cognition**, a free 2006 Fall Colloquium and Professional Development seminar sponsored by the Wayne State University (WSU) Institute of Gerontology (IOG) **December 12** at the Freer House, adjacent to the IOG in **Detroit**. For more information, go to [www.iog.wayne.edu](http://www.iog.wayne.edu) or call 313/577-2297.

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## DEMENTIA EVENTS/MEETINGS

**Conference on Alzheimer's Disease: Setting the Research Agenda a Century After Auguste D**, sponsored by the National Institute on Aging of the National Institutes of health (NIH) **October 26-27** at the Hyatt Regency Bethesda in **Bethesda, MD**. For more information, go to [www.tech-res-intl.com/nia/alzheimers\\_conference/default.htm](http://www.tech-res-intl.com/nia/alzheimers_conference/default.htm).

**Validating Feelings to Improve Communication with People with Dementia**, a seminar sponsored by the Lansing Community College Health and Human Services Department **October 27** at the college in **Lansing**. For more information, call 517/483-1529 or e-mail to [beham@lcc.edu](mailto:beham@lcc.edu).

**11<sup>th</sup> Annual Edna Gates Conference on Dementia Care**, sponsored by Optimal Life Designs in Dementia Care **November 6-7** at the Marriott Hotel in **Troy**. For more information, call 810/231-2723 or e-mail to [annerobinson2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:annerobinson2@sbcglobal.net).

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting: Providing Health Care Services for Older Adults 2006-2030**, sponsored by the Primary Care Dementia Network **December 8** at the Michigan State University (MSU) Kellogg Center in **East Lansing**. For more information, call 517/353-7828 or e-mail to [yonker@msu.edu](mailto:yonker@msu.edu).

**Understanding Alzheimer's**, an introductory program sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association Great Lakes Chapter to learn how to recognize possible signs of Alzheimer's disease; better understand how Alzheimer's is diagnosed; recognize the effects of Alzheimer's on the brain; and gain access to community resources and services. The programs will be held:

**October 25** at the Ludington Senior Center in **Ludington**  
**November 6** at the Life Care Center of Plainwell in **Plainwell**  
**November 9** at The Monroe Center in **Monroe**  
**November 14** at the Bixby Medical Center in **Adrian**  
**November 30** at the St. Joseph County Commission on Aging in **Three Rivers**  
**November 30** at the Workforce Development & Technology Center in **Hillsdale**  
**December 5** at the Chelsea District Library in **Chelsea**  
**December 11** at Foote Hospital in **Jackson**

For more information, go to [www.alzmgreatlakes.org](http://www.alzmgreatlakes.org) or call 800/272-3900.

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### OTHER MICHIGAN EVENTS/MEETINGS

**Fall Jamboree Dinner Dance**, a fund-raiser sponsored by the Gratiot Community Senior Center with a live string band **October 26** at center in **St. Louis** with all proceeds going for the operating costs of the senior center building. For more information, call 989/681-4341.

**Growing through the Years: Michigan & MSG from 1956-2006**, a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and luncheon sponsored by the Michigan Society of Gerontology (MSG) **November 2** at the Michigan State University (MSU) Kellogg Center in **East Lansing**. For more information, go to [www.msginfo.org](http://www.msginfo.org) or e-mail to [info@msginfo.org](mailto:info@msginfo.org).

**Single Point of Entry Informational Forum**, sponsored by the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) Office of Long-Term Care Supports & Services **November 27** in the auditorium of the Michigan Library and Historical Center in **Lansing** to provide information, and answer questions about the new Single Point of Entry for long-term care services. For more information, call 517/373-3860 or e-mail to [thelen@michigan.gov](mailto:thelen@michigan.gov).

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### SKILLPATH/COMPUMASTER NONPROFIT SEMINARS

For more information about these seminars,  
or to receive fee discounts, call Kathy Hepker 800/873-7545  
(ext. 1137) and say you heard about it in the OSA e-newsletter.

**Discovering the Secrets of Microsoft Access**, conducted by Skillpath Seminars, a nonprofit division of Graceland University **November 2-3** in **Troy**.

**The Essentials of Communicating with Diplomacy and Professionalism**, conducted by Skillpath Seminars, a nonprofit division of Graceland University **November 15-16** in **Lansing** and **December 13-14** in **Traverse City**.

**Dealing Effectively with Unacceptable Employee Behavior**, conducted by Skillpath Seminars, a nonprofit division of Graceland University **October 30** in **Farmington Hills**, **October 31** in **Flint**, **November 1** in **Lansing** and **November 2** in **Jackson**.



**The Indispensable Assistant**, conducted by Skillpath Seminars, a nonprofit division of Graceland University for secretaries, administrative assistants and support people **November 13** in **Flint**, **November 14** in **Troy** and **November 15** in **Ann Arbor**.

**Mastering Microsoft Project**, conducted by Skillpath Seminars, a nonprofit division of Graceland University to help plan, control and maximize a project's efficiency **October 31-November 1** in **Farmington Hills** and **November 28-29** in **Kalamazoo**.

**Managing Emotions and Thriving Under Pressure**, conducted by Skillpath Seminars, a nonprofit division of Graceland University **October 25** in **Kalamazoo**, **October 26** in **Lansing** and **October 27** in **Traverse City**.

**Fundamentals of Successful Project Management**, conducted by Skillpath Seminars, a nonprofit division of Graceland University **November 2-3** in **Grand Rapids**, **November 6-7** in **Troy**, **November 8-9** in **Dearborn**, **December 4-5** in **Farmington Hills** and **December 6-7** in **Ann Arbor**.

**How to Excel at Managing and Supervising People**, conducted by Skillpath, a nonprofit division of Graceland University **November 6-7** in **Farmington Hills**.

**The Administrative Assistants Conference**, conducted by Skillpath Seminars, a nonprofit division of Graceland University **November 14** in **Traverse City**, **November 15** in **Saginaw** and **November 16** in **Grand Rapids**.

**Conference for Women**, conducted by Skillpath Seminars, a nonprofit division of Graceland University **November 14** in **Dearborn**, **November 15** in **Troy** and **November 16** in **Jackson**.

**Excelling as a First-Time Manager or Supervisor**, conducted by Skillpath Seminars, a nonprofit division of Graceland University **November 15** in **Grand Rapids**.

**Managing Multiple Projects, Objectives and Deadlines**, conducted by Skillpath Seminars, a nonprofit division of Graceland University **November 16** in **Kalamazoo**, **December 13** in **Farmington Hills**, **December 14** in **Detroit**, **December 15** in **Grand Rapids**, **December 16** in **Grand Rapids**

**The Conference on Leadership Development and Team Building**, conducted by Skillpath Seminars, a nonprofit division of Graceland University **November 28** in **Lansing**, **November 29** in **Grand Rapids** and **November 30** in **Traverse City**.

For more information about these seminars,  
go to [www.compumaster.net](http://www.compumaster.net) or call toll-free 800/867-4340.

**Getting the Most from Microsoft Excel**, conducted by CompuMaster, a nonprofit division of Graceland University **November 6** in **Grand Rapids**, **November 7** in **Dearborn**, **November 8** in **Farmington Hills**, **November 9** in **Lansing**, **November 20** in **Flint**, **November 21** in **Traverse City** and **December 8** in **Troy**.

**Mastering Adobe Photoshop**, conducted by CompuMaster, a nonprofit division of Graceland University **November 8-9** in **Grand Rapids**.

For more information about this seminar,



go to [www.nationalseminarstraining.com](http://www.nationalseminarstraining.com) or call toll-free 800/258-7246.

**Human Resources (HR) Professionals Who've Recently Assumed HR Responsibilities**, conducted by Padgett-Thompson, a nonprofit division of the Rockhurst University Continuing Education Center **December 11** in **Traverse City**, **December 12** in **Grand Rapids**, **December 13** in **Lansing** and **December 15** in **Farmington Hills**.

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## CONFERENCES/EVENTS OUTSIDE MICHIGAN

**2006 GIA Conference**, sponsored by Grantmakers in Aging (GIA) **October 25-27** at the Pfister Hotel in **Milwaukee, WI**. For more information, go to [www.gia.org](http://www.gia.org) or call 937/435-3156.

**2006 Annual National Respite and Caregiver Conference: Blazing Trails for Caregiving**, sponsored by Easter Seals Disability Services and the Respite Resource Center **October 25-27** at the Double Tree Hotel in **Omaha, NE**. For more information, Go to [www.ne.easterseals.com](http://www.ne.easterseals.com) or call 402/996-8444.

**Conference on Alzheimer's Disease: Setting the Research Agenda a Century after Augusta D**, sponsored by the National Institute of Aging of the National Institutes of Health **October 26-27** at the Hyatt Regency Bethesda in **Bethesda, MD** to discuss future directions for the NIH Alzheimer's disease research agenda. Registration is free but seating is limited. For more information, go to [www.tech-res-intl.com/nia/alzheimers\\_conference/default.htm](http://www.tech-res-intl.com/nia/alzheimers_conference/default.htm) or call 301/897-7481.

**AGW: The Aging Workforce Summit**, sponsored by Prudential Financial **October 26-27** at the Mid-America Club in **Chicago, IL** for those who are responsible for planning, funding and/or managing their organization's age-driven issues. For more information, go to [www.agwsummit.com](http://www.agwsummit.com) or call 860/724-2649, ext. 17.

**Life @ 50+ AARP's National Event and Expo**, sponsored by AARP **October 26-28** at the Anaheim Convention Center in **Anaheim, CA**. For more information, go to [www.aarp.org/events](http://www.aarp.org/events) or call toll-free 800/883-2784.

**Negotiation Skills for Project Managers**, a professional development program for government and business sponsored by ESI International and The George Washington University **November 1-3** in **Chicago, IL**. For more information, go to [www.esi-intl.com](http://www.esi-intl.com) or call toll-free 888/374-8884.

**29<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting: Education & the Gerontological Imagination**, sponsored by the Gerontological Society of America **November 16-20** at the Adam's Mark Hotel in **Dallas, TX**. For more information, go to [www.agingconference.com](http://www.agingconference.com) or call 202/842-1275.

**Project Leadership, Management and Communications**, a professional development program for government and business sponsored by ESI International and The George Washington University **November 28-30** in **Chicago, IL**. For more information, go to [www.esi-intl.com](http://www.esi-intl.com) or call toll-free 888/374-8884.

**Health Action 2007**, a conference sponsored by Families USA **January 25-27, 2007** at the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel in **Washington, DC**. For more information, go to [www.familiesusa.org](http://www.familiesusa.org) or call 202/628-3030.

**2007 Joint Conference of the National Council on Aging (NCoA) and the American Society on Aging (ASA)**, to be held **March 7-10, 2007** in **Chicago, IL**. For more information, go to [www.agingconference.org](http://www.agingconference.org), call 415/974-9600 or e-mail to [ic07@asaging.org](mailto:ic07@asaging.org).

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## **FOR-PROFIT TRAINING EVENTS/RESOURCES**

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### **For-Profit Seminars/Training Events**

For more information about any of these seminars, go to [www.pryor.com](http://www.pryor.com) or call toll-free 800/556-2998.

**Dealing with Difficult People**, conducted by Fred Pryor Seminars **October 25** in **Ann Arbor**, **October 26** in **Troy**, **October 27** in **Southfield** and **January 22, 2007** in **Marquette**.

**Team-Building, Mentoring and Coaching Skills**, conducted by Fred Pryor Seminars **October 25** in **Jackson**, **October 26** in **Flint** and **October 27** in **Dearborn**.

**Facilities Management**, conducted by Fred Pryor Seminars **October 30-31** in **Grand Rapids**, **November 13-14** in **Ann Arbor** and **November 15-16** in **Troy**.

**How to Deliver Exceptional Customer Service**, conducted by Fred Pryor Seminars **November 1** in **Ann Arbor**, **November 2** in **Troy**, **November 3** in **Southfield** and **December 1** in **Grand Rapids**.

**How to Supervise People**, conducted by Fred Pryor Seminars **November 6** in **Kalamazoo**, **November 7** in **Grand Rapids**, **November 8** in **Lansing**, **November 9** in **Ann Arbor**, **November 10** in **Troy**, **November 16** in **Jackson**, **November 17** in **Southfield**, **November 28** in **Petoskey**, **November 29** in **Traverse City**, **November 30** in **Saginaw**, **December 1** in **Flint** and **January 16, 2007** in **Marquette**.

**Microsoft Excel: Excel Basics**, conducted by Fred Pryor Seminars **November 6** in **Marquette**, **December 4** in **Ann Arbor**, **December 4** in **Troy**, **December 5** in **Kalamazoo**, **December 6** in **Dearborn**, **December 6** in **Grand Rapids**, **December 7** in **Lansing**, **December 11** in **Petoskey**, **December 13** in **Traverse City**, **December 14** in **Jackson**, **December 18** in **Saginaw** and **December 20** in **Flint**.

**Microsoft Access**, conducted by Fred Pryor Seminars **November 6-7** in **Saginaw**, **November 7-8** in **Jackson**, **November 8-9** in **Flint**, **November 14-15** in **Lansing**, **November 14-15** in **Kalamazoo**, **November 16-17** in **Ann Arbor**, **November 16-17** in

**Grand Rapids, November 28-29 in Troy and November 30-December 1 in Southfield.**

**Excel: Beyond the Basics**, conducted by Fred Pryor Seminars **November 7 in Marquette, December 5 in Ann Arbor, December 5 in Troy, December 6 in Kalamazoo, December 7 in Dearborn, December 7 in Grand Rapids, December 8 in Lansing, December 12 in Petoskey, December 14 in Traverse City, December 15 in Jackson, December 19 in Saginaw and December 21 in Flint.**

**Stress Management**, conducted by Fred Pryor Seminars **November 14 in Marquette.**

**Excel Basics**, conducted by Fred Pryor Seminars **December 4 in Ann Arbor, December 6 in Dearborn, December 6 in Grand Rapids, December 14 in Jackson and December 20 in Flint.**

**The Outstanding Receptionist**, conducted by Fred Pryor Seminars **December 18 in Marquette.**

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**FEDERAL REGISTER**  
**(October 2 -- 20)**

**HUD Establishes Rent Factors for Senior Citizens and Families**

See the Federal Register dated **October 2** (Vol. 71, No. 190). Go to "Housing and Urban Development" and see "Notices, Low Income Housing." This notice from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), effective **February 11**, establishes annual factors used in calculating rent adjustments under section 524 of the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997(MAHRA) as amended by the Preserving Affordable Housing for Senior Citizens and Families into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act of 1999, and under the Low-Income Housing Preservation and Resident Homeownership Act of 1980 Projects assisted with Section 8 Housing Assistance payments. The Operating Cost Adjustment Factor for Michigan for 2007 will be 4.7. For more information, call 202/708-3000.

**HUD Announces Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency Grants**

See the Federal Register dated **October 10** (Vol. 71, No. 195). Go to "Housing and Urban Development" and see "Notices, Grant and Cooperative Agreement Awards." This announcement from HUD announces funding decisions made by HUD for Resident Opportunity and Self Sufficiency (ROSS) Programs. It involves \$49.67 million for the housing of elderly and non-elderly and disabled families. These programs are intended to provide funding under ROSS to link services to public housing residents by providing grants for supportive services, resident empowerment activities, and activities that assist residents in becoming economically self-sufficient. The award recipients from Michigan for ROSS – RSDM Elderly funding are the Melvindale Housing Commission in Melvindale, and the Services Corp. in Grand Rapids. For more information, call 202/358-0221.

**LSC Announces Michigan Grants and Contracts**

See the Federal Register dated **October 13** (Vol. 71, No. 198). Go to “Legal Services Corporation” and see “Notices.” This notice from the Legal Services Corporation (LSC) announces its intention to make fiscal year (FY) 2007 competitive grant awards and contracts to provide economical and effective delivery of high quality civil legal services nationwide to eligible low-income clients, beginning **January 1, 2007**. The proposed grant recipients from Michigan and the proposed amounts they will receive are: Legal Services of Northern Michigan (\$663,415), Legal Services of South Central Michigan (\$1,183,057), Legal Aid and Defender Association (\$3,567,261), Legal Services of Eastern Michigan (\$1,293,370), Legal Aid of Western Michigan (\$1,525,030), Legal Services of South Central Michigan (\$541,102) and Michigan Indian Legal Services, Inc. (\$148,301). The amounts are subject to change. Public comment and recommendations regarding these proposed grant awards must be received by **November 13**. For more information, call 202/295-1545.

### **CMS Provides Final Medicare Part B State Allotments**

See the Federal Register dated **October 16** (Vol. 71, No. 199). Go to “Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services” and see “Rules.” This final rule from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), effective **November 15**, sets forth the methodology and process used to compute and issue each state’s allotments for fiscal years (FY) 2006 and 2007 that are available to pay Medicare Part B premiums for qualifying individuals. It also provides the final FY 2006 allotments and the preliminary FY 2007 allotments determined under this methodology. For more information, call 410/786-2019.

### **AoA Requests Public Comment on State Program Report**

See the Federal Register dated **October 17** (Vol. 71, No. 200). Go to “Aging Administration” and see “Notices.” This notice from the Administration on Aging (AoA) requests public comment concerning information collection requirements for Title III and Title VII of the Older Americans Act. The Older Americans Act (OAA) requires State Program Reports (SPRs) from the states. The question is whether a proposed extension of the SPR relating to Title III and VII is necessary for the proper performance of AoA’s functions. Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each extension of an existing collection of information. Public comment must be submitted by **December 18** regarding this proposed extension. AoA originally developed the SPR as part of its National Aging Program Information System (NAPIS). The SPR collects information about how state agencies on aging expend their OAA funds, as well as funding from other sources for OAA authorized supportive services. The SPR also collects information on the demographic and functional status of the recipients. For more information, call 202/357-3554.

### **AoA Requests Public Comment on Title IV Discretionary Grant Program**

See the Federal Register dated **October 18** (Vol. 71, No. 201). Go to “Aging Administration” and see “Notices.” This notice from the Administration on Aging (AoA) announces an opportunity for public comment on the information collection requirements relating to the standard Program Announcement and Grant Application Instructions template for Older Americans Act Title IV Discretionary Grant Program. Public comment must be submitted by **December 18**. AoA plans to submit the proposed template to the Office of Management and Budget for approval. The Program Announcement and Application Instructions provide the requirements and instructions

for the submission of an application for funding opportunities of the AoA under Title IV of the Older Americans Act (OAA). Through Title IV, the AoA supports projects to develop and test new knowledge and program innovations with the potential of contributing to the wellbeing of senior adults. For more information, call 202/357-3442.

### **DOL to Implement ATAA Program for Older Workers**

See the Federal Register dated **October 18** (Vol. 71, No. 201). Go to “Employment and Training Administration” and see “Proposed Rules.” This proposed rule from the Employment and Training Administration of the Department of Labor (DOL) involves the Trade Adjustment Assistance Reform Act which reauthorized the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program through fiscal year (FY) 2007. The Trade Adjustment Assistance Reform Act also made significant amendments to the TAA program, including the addition of Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance for Older Workers (ATAA) program. This proposed rule implements the ATAA program which is a demonstration program, or a new approach to providing employment assistance to older workers, age 50 or older through wage subsidies. The goal of the ATAA program is to encourage re-employment of older workers who may find it difficult to find a new job at the same wage level when they change careers after long-term employment in a single job or industry. Public comment regarding this proposed rule to implement the ATAA program must be submitted by **December 18**. For more information, call 202/693-3560.

### **Corporation Implements Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act**

See the Federal Register dated **October 20** (Vol. 71, No. 203). Go to “Corporation for National and Community Service” and see “Rules, Program Fraud.” This final rule from the Corporation for National and Community Service, effective **November 20**, implements the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act which authorizes the Corporation for National and Community Service and certain other federal agencies to impose, through administrative adjudication, civil penalties and assessments against any person who makes, submits or presents a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim or written statement to the agency. The regulations establish the procedures the Corporation will follow in implementing the provisions of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act, and specify the hearing and appeal rights of persons subject to penalties and assessments under this Act. They also designate the Corporation’s Chief Financial Officer to act on behalf of the Chief Executive Officer in carrying out certain duties and responsibilities under the regulations. For more information, call 202/606-6675.

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## **LEGISLATION SUMMARY**

The following bills are listed for informational/educational purposes only. The list does not constitute OSA support or endorsement. Nor does it indicate the critical bills OSA considers to be of priority. All of this information is current, as of the date of this issue. But it is subject to change at any time through legislative action.

For more information about the content and legislative history of a particular bill, go to [www.legislature.mi.gov](http://www.legislature.mi.gov) (the Michigan Legislature website) and enter the bill number in the box under “Legislative Bill Search.” Then click on “Go!” and the status page of the bill will appear with current information about the bill. Click on a “PDF” or “TXT” box for a copy of the latest version of the bill, or a House or Senate analysis of the bill.

The Michigan Legislature website ([www.michiganlegislature.org](http://www.michiganlegislature.org)) is a free service of the Legislative Internet Technology Team in cooperation with the Michigan Legislative Council, the Michigan House of Representatives, and the Michigan Senate. Also, call the Michigan Law Library at 517/373-0630 for legal research questions. If you have a question or opinion about any of these bills, contact your state legislator. Also, you may call OSA Director **Sharon Gire** at 517/373-7876 or e-mail her at [osadirector@michigan.gov](mailto:osadirector@michigan.gov).

### **State Legislature Adjourns Until After the Election**

The Michigan State Legislature adjourned **September 21**. They will reconvene on **November 9**, two days after **November 7** election.

#### **New House Bills (October 2 – 20)**

None.

#### **New Senate Bills (October 2 – 20)**

None.

#### **House and Senate Bills that have Moved (October 2 -- 20)**

##### **House Bill (HB) 5348 of 2005**

See **Public Act (PA) 441 of 2006** (below).

##### **House Bill (HB) 5349 of 2005**

See **Public Act (PA) 442 of 2006** (below).

##### **House Bill (HB) 5389 of 2005**

This bill amends the Social Welfare Act to require the Director of the Department of Community Health to designate and maintain locally and regionally-based single points of entry (SPE) for long-term care (LTC) to serve as visible and effective access points for individuals who seek LTC, and to promote consumer choice and quality in LTC options. The single point of entry agent for long-term care serves as the sole agency within the designated single point of entry area to assess a consumer's eligibility for Medicaid long-term care programs by using a comprehensive level of care assessment approved by the Department of Community Health. Amends Public Act (PA) 280 of 1939. Sponsored by **Rep. Rick Shaffer** (R-Three Rivers) and co-sponsored by 41 others. Referred to the House Committee on Senior Health, Security, and Retirement 11-1-05. House substitute bill adopted and amended 9-19-06. Passed by the House and given immediate effect 9-19-06. Referred to the Senate Committee on Health Policy 9-20-06.

##### **Senate Bill (SB) 435 of 2005**

See **Public Act (PA) 427 of 2006** (below).

#### **New Public Acts**



(October 2 – 20)

**Public Act (PA) 427 of 2006**

**Senate Bill (SB) 435 of 2005**

This bill makes numerous amendments to the Bingo Act, most notably increasing the limits on prizes from \$500 to \$1,100 for a single bingo game, and from \$2,000 to \$3,500 for a single occasion. Sponsored by **Sen. Jim Barcia** (D-Bay City) and co-sponsored by two others, it **was approved by Gov. Granholm 10-3-06, and assigned PA 427 of 2006** with immediate effect.

**Public Act (PA) 441 of 2006**

**House Bill (HB) 5348 of 2005**

This bill repeals provisions of the Nonprofit Health Care Corporation Reform Act governing long-term care coverage offered by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan, and includes them in provisions of the Insurance Code regulating long-term care coverage. It also amends the Insurance Code to include services provided in an assisted living facility among the services covered by long-term care insurance. Amends Public Act (PA) 218 of 1956. Sponsored by **Rep. Kevin Green** (R-Wyoming) and co-sponsored by 10 others, it **was approved by Gov. Granholm 10-18-06, and assigned PA 441 of 2006** with immediate effect.

**Public Act (PA) 442 of 2006**

**House Bill (HB) 5349 of 2005**

This bill amends the Insurance Code to do the following: include long-term care among the subjects to be covered in a life-health insurance agent program of study; prohibit an individual long-term care policy or certificate from being issued until the insurer received from the applicant a designation of an additional person to receive notice of lapse or termination of the policy for nonpayment of premium, or a waiver of the right to designate an additional person, beginning March 1, 2007; prohibit the lapse or termination of an individual long-term care policy unless the insurer gave the insured and an designated additional person at least 30 days notice, beginning March 1, 2007; prohibit a long-term care policy from being delivered or issued unless the policyholder were offered the option of purchasing a policy or certificate including a nonforfeiture benefit, subject to certain exceptions, and require an insurer to provide a contingent benefit upon lapse to a person who declined the nonforfeiture benefit; require policyholders to be notified at least 45 days before the effective date of a premium increase; require an insurer to offer reduced policy benefits or a shortened benefit period the effective date of a substantial premium increase; require an insurer to give an applicant information about previous and potential premium rate increases, beginning June 1, 2007; require an insurer to give an actuarial certification to the Commissioner of the Office of Financial and Insurance Services 30 days before offering a long-term care policy or certificate available for sale, and allow the Commissioner to request an actuarial demonstration that benefits were reasonable in relation to premiums, beginning June 1, 2007; require an insurer to give the Commissioner at least 30 days notice of a pending premium rate schedule increase, beginning June 1, 2007; allow the Commissioner to require an insurer to implement rate schedule adjustments if he or she determined that the actual experience following a rate increase did not adequately match the projected experience, beginning June 1, 2007; require the Commissioner to review the projected lapse rates and past lapse rates following a rate increase to determine if significant adverse lapsation occurred or was anticipated, under certain circumstances; and allow the Commissioner to determine that a rate spiral existed, and require an insurer to take certain actions, beginning June 1, 2007; apply only to policies

issued before June 1, 2007, a provision under which benefits under individual long-term care policies are considered reasonable in relation to premiums provide the expected loss ratio of at least 60%; and require an insurer marketing long-term care insurance to develop suitability standards to determine whether the purchase of long-term care insurance was appropriate for the needs of the applicant. Amends Public Act (PA) 218 of 1956. Sponsored by **Rep. Paula Zelenko** (D-Burton) and co-sponsored by 36 others, it **was approved by Gov. Granholm 10-18-06, and assigned PA 442 of 2006** with immediate effect.

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## WEBSITES

[www.publius.org](http://www.publius.org) is the website of Publius, a non-partisan, nonprofit tax-exempt organization founded to explore the impact of Internet on democracy, and develop web-based tools to enhance the exchange of ideas and information. This website contains valuable information for the November 7 election on how to register to vote; find out if you are registered; and what identification you need to bring with you to vote. Also tips for students, and quicklinks for obtaining a statewide election overview, finding your clerk, obtaining an absentee ballot, or working at the polls.

[www.caregivernorth.com](http://www.caregivernorth.com) is the website of Family Caregivers of Northwest Michigan, sponsored by Catholic Human Services and funded by the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan (AAA-10). It contains information about caregiving, elder abuse, kinship care, long-term care (LTC) and contacts, or people who can help. It also provides Internet links to other agencies in Northwest Michigan that can provide a wide variety of information and assistance for senior adults and their families..

[www.nihseniorhealth.gov](http://www.nihseniorhealth.gov) is the website of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) that is designed especially for senior adults. It is a joint effort of the National Institute on Aging (NIA) and the National Library of Medicine (NLM) which are a part of the NIH. It contains short, easy to read segments of health information in a variety of formats on wide range of topics such as the risk of falling and how to prevent it.

[www.grantmakingschool.org](http://www.grantmakingschool.org) is the website of The Grantmaking School at Grand Valley State University (GVSU) and the Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropic and Nonprofit Leadership. Its purpose is to advance the impact of organized philanthropy through the professional education of grantmakers, and it offers the first university-based program for teaching the techniques and ethics of grantmaking specifically to foundation grantmaking professionals.

[www.silverbook.org](http://www.silverbook.org) is the website of the Alliance for Aging Research to address chronic disease and medical innovation in an aging nation. It is an almanac of hundreds of current facts, statistics, graphs and information from close to 100 agencies, organizations and experts who conduct innovative medical research. It is an online database that is constantly updated and expanded, and is searchable by specific topics such as Alzheimer's Disease, Parkinson's Disease, Heart Disease and Stroke.

[www.asaaps.org](http://www.asaaps.org) is the website of the American Society of Adult Abuse Professionals and Survivors, a diverse organization of professionals and advocates who together face and prevent abuse. This website addresses elder abuse, and the abuse of adults with disabilities, as well as other types of domestic and institutional abuse. It also connects

professionals with those who have survived elder and disabled adult abuse in order to promote understanding, education, collaboration, resource-sharing, and healing.

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